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My name is Charles Landau. I have been a software engineer since 1968. In my career I have written major parts of numerous operating systems. I have authored several technical papers on operating systems that were published in peer-reviewed journals, and I am the sole inventor of three software-related patents.

I must add my voice to the chorus of outcry over the incredibly lenient settlement that the Department of Justice proposes for the Microsoft antitrust trial.

I'm sure others have detailed the problems with this proposal. This settlement does not include any punishment for past illegal actions. It would be ineffective in protecting against future monopolistic practices. And it has no effective enforcement provisions.

To approve this settlement would be a travesty of justice, and a clear signal to Microsoft and others that antitrust law is meaningless.